

In the Claims:

- 1 (amended). A socket driving device, comprising:
a longitudinally arranged driving shaft formed of a durable, rigid material and configured to have a striking surface on one end and a first coupling protrusion on another end;
said first coupling protrusion being configured for releasable positively-engaged coupling to a complementary configured recess.
- 2 (amended). The device of claim 1, further comprising:
an adapter having a driving shaft coupling end and a socket coupling end, ~~the surface area of said driving shaft coupling end and said socket coupling end being different in size;~~
said adapter having a coupling recess formed on said driving shaft coupling end and a second coupling protrusion formed on said socket coupling end.
- 3 (original). The device of claim 2, further comprising:
an extender having a driving shaft coupling end and a socket coupling end;
said extender having a coupling recess formed on said driving shaft coupling end and a coupling protrusion formed on said socket coupling end.
- 4 (new). The device of claim 2, wherein the surface area of said driving shaft coupling end and the surface area of said socket coupling end are different in size.
- 5 (new). The device of claim 2, wherein the said first coupling protrusion and said second coupling protrusion have different sized lateral cross-sectional areas.
- 6 (new). The device of claim 3, wherein said extender is configured for releasable coupling between said driving shaft and said adapter to extend the distance of said adapter from said driving shaft.

7 (new). The device of claim 1, further comprising a socket mounting surface provide about said first coupling protrusion and configured to facilitate delivery of a substantially uniform drive force to a socket.

8 (new). The device of claim 1, wherein said first protrusion includes a biased member that facilitates said releasable coupling.

9 (new). A socket driving device for driving a socket used in seal mounting or other purposes, comprising:

a socket driving member configured to be held by a human hand when in use and including a striking surface, a socket mounting surface and a socket engaging mechanism;

said striking surface being formed of a metallic material and configured to withstand a driving blow;

said socket mounting surface being provided substantially opposite said striking surface and being substantially planar and radially disposed so as to provide a substantially uniform drive force to a socket being driven by said device; and

said socket engaging mechanism including a socket coupling protrusion configured for releasable coupling to a socket.

10 (new). The device of claim 9, wherein said protrusion extends from said mounting surface and includes a biased member that facilitates releasable coupling to a socket.

11 (new). The device of claim 9, wherein said socket driving member includes a first section and a second section, said first section including said striking surface and said second section including said mounting surface and said socket engaging mechanism, said first and second sections being releasably couplable to one another.

12 (new). The device of claim 11, wherein said first section includes a first section protrusion and said second section includes a complementary coupling recess, wherein said first section protrusion is

configured for coupling to at least one of said second section and a socket.

13 (new). The device of claim 12, wherein said first section protrusion and said socket coupling protrusion have different lateral cross-sectional areas to accommodate different sized sockets.

14 (new). The device of claim 9, wherein said socket driving member includes a first section, a second section and a third section, said first section including said striking surface, said second section including said mounting surface and socket engaging mechanism, and said third section being removably coupled between said first and second sections to extend the distance from said striking surface to said mounting surface and socket engaging mechanism.

15 (new). The device of claim 11, wherein the surface area of said mounting surface is greater than the lateral cross-sectional surface area of said first section.

16 (new). A socket driving device for driving a socket used in seal mounting or other purposes, comprising:

- a socket driving member configured to be held by a human hand when in use and including a striking surface, a socket mounting surface and a socket engaging mechanism;

- said striking surface being formed of a rigid, durable material and configured to withstand a driving blow;

- said socket mounting surface being provided substantially opposite said striking surface and being disposed so as to provide a substantially uniform drive force to a socket being driven by said device; and

- said socket engaging mechanism configured for releasable coupling to a socket.

17 (new). The device of claim 16, wherein said socket engaging mechanism includes a first coupling protrusion configured for releasable coupling to a socket.

18 (new). The device of claim 16, wherein said socket driving member includes a first section and a second section, said first section including said striking surface and said second section including said mounting surface and said socket engaging mechanism, said first and second sections being releasably couplable to one another.

19 (new). The device of claim 18, wherein said socket engaging mechanism includes a first releasable coupling protrusion and said first section includes a second releasable coupling protrusion, and the lateral cross-sectional areas of said first and second releasable coupling protrusions are different to accommodate different sized sockets.

20 (new). The device of claim 18, further comprising a third section releasably couplable between said first and second sections to extend the distance from said first section to said second section.